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TRACKING VENDOR COMPLIANCE  
WITH PURCHASER GUIDELINES AND  
RELATED METHOD FOR THE  
COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION OF  
SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE  
IMPLEMENTING SAME**

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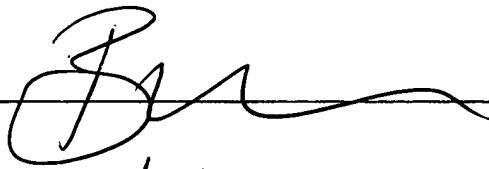
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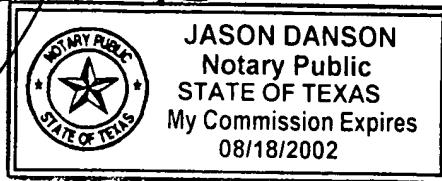
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